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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1 to 11 have been amended and are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant has elected claims 1 to 10. In addition, Applicant has amended independent claim 11 to now depend from claim 1.

Also, claims 1 to 11 have been amended to better conform to U.S. practice.

As it is believed that all of the objections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's attorney in order to overcome any additional objections that the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0832 therefor.

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